

BURGLARY AND ROBBERY ALARM ORDINANCE SUMMARY

- Residential and commercial users of alarm systems are required to have an alarm Permit. The permit cost is \$38.00 and is valid for a 2 year period unless revoked for cause.
- There is no fee for residential alarm users age 65 or over, but must be renewed every 2 years.
- The purposes of the ordinance include:
 - O Reduce false alarms.
 - O Speed up dispatching time.
 - O Provide a data base for effective police response.
- Alarm users are allowed twelve (12) false alarms in a twelve (12) month time frame, (January-December), before permit revocation proceedings begin. Additional fees are imposed after three (3) false alarms in the twelve month time frame. The current rate is \$147 each for #4-6 false alarms and \$294 each for #7+ (12 during the calendar year).
- Please fill out the permit application completely and accurately. The information you provide will facilitate a faster police response and will also provide the officer with the information necessary to complete the call as quickly and safely as possible.
- This effort by citizens and government should reduce the incidents of false alarms by 50%.
- All permit files are kept under tight security.

If you have additional questions regarding this Ordinance or the attached application, please contact the Alarm Ordinance Office at 538-7391, Monday through Friday, 9AM to 4:30PM or write to: Butte County Sheriff's Office, 5 Gillick Way, CA 95965.